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Gun culture in crosshairs

Miller targets shooting clubs

Mayor David Miller wants to close recreational shooting ranges in Toronto, along with giving the city power to block gun manufacturers and wholesalers from opening new plants or warehouses.

"Nobody can deny that hobby directly results in people being shot and killed on the streets of our city," Miller said of sport shooting yesterday, amid debate on a possible gun bylaw.

Canadian Olympic pistol shooter and downtown resident Avianna Chao begs to differ. She says if Miller gets his way, it could mean an end to her sport — and it won't make the streets one bit safer.

Miller wants to terminate leases with two gun clubs that have shooting ranges on city property, one on an upper floor at Union Station, the other at the Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre.

Chao, who will head to Beijing this summer to compete for Canada at the Olympics, began shooting at Don Montgomery and knows the Union Station range intimately.

three-point plan

Bentley and Bartolucci's three-point plan to limit gun violence:
» Making sure federal firearms marking regulations are stringently followed so guns can be traced.
» Appointing federal prosecutors to Ontario's guns and gangs task force.
» Closing legal loopholes that let gun parts be brought into Canada.

"That's my current primary training location," Chao said yesterday. "When I heard about this city proposal today it just absolutely knocked the wind out of me."

The gun debate erupted on a day when provincial Attorney General Chris Bentley and Community Safety Minister Rick Bartolucci were writing to their federal counterparts, seeking co-operation on curbing firearm violence.

"As you know, the people of Ontario continue to have serious concerns about the threat posed by guns and gun-related crime in our communities, particularly on the streets of downtown Toronto," Bentley and Bartolucci wrote in a five-page letter to federal Attorney General Rob Nicholson and Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day.

At the same time, city staff released a report calling for a bylaw that would allow the city to restrict or prohibit the making and wholesaling of firearms in Toronto.

Only police and the military should be allowed to operate firing ranges, the report says, calling for an end to the gun club leases.

Recommendations would apply to all firearms, including rifles and shotguns. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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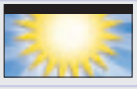

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Couple's super lucky draw

Doug and Liz Kinsman show their Lotto Super 7 jackpot cheque for $27 million, the 10th largest payout in the game's history. Story, page 3.

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Premier Dalton McGuinty has named June 2 as June Callwood Children's Day in honour of a tireless activist who fought to end child poverty. Callwood died last year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Former Catholic chair upset with spending scandal

investigator appointed

» On Sunday, Education Minister Kathleen Wynne appointed an investigator to pore over board finances and report back to her in one week. She's also concerned the board, which was to have a balanced budget for the 2008-09 school year, is now looking at a deficit of about $13 million.

The spending mess at Toronto's Catholic school board has tarnished Catholic education in this province and could threaten its future, says a former chair.

Paul Fernandes, who headed the old Metro Separate board from 1994-96 during his six years in office, says he is so upset with the scandal that he's written to Archbishop Thomas Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto asking him to pressure the current group of trustees to resign.

"The media coverage of the recent report on the spending practices of the Toronto Catholic District School Board trustees has tarnished the reputation of Catholic school boards in Ontario," he wrote.

"... I feel certain that you are most concerned with the harm this could cause to Catholic education. The challenge to the funding of Catholic education could be further exasperated by the irresponsibility of a few selfish individuals ... this could cause long-term damage to Catholic education."

Fernandes has also written to Education Minister Kathleen Wynne, demanding the province step in and take over the board.

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court

Judge mystified over use of force

RULING A Toronto judge has ruled city police used excessive force and violated the Charter rights of a young man who was Tasered and forced to lie face down on broken glass during an arrest in the city's club district.

Justice William Bassel said he was "mystified" as to why police would force a suspect, Irshad Ahmed, onto broken glass after stopping a car on Spadina Avenue in February 2006.

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A child watches cars speed by yesterday as she waits to cross the street after school at Broadview Avenue and Dundas Street East.

Motorists told to watch for kids

Campaign brings simple message

Kimberlee Blunt, seven, spent a month at the Hospital for Sick Children being treated for the broken growth plate in her left leg last year.

It was another month before she could walk again, which her parents attribute to mental, not physical, scarring.

Yesterday, Kimberlee returned to the hospital to kick off this year's Safe Kids Canada campaign, bringing with her a simple message for drivers: "Be careful and watch out for kids."

Pedestrian accidents kill 30 Canadian children each year, seriously injuring 2,412 more, said Pamela Fuselli, executive director of Safe Kids Canada, the Hospital for Sick Children's national injury prevention program.

A child hit by a car travelling 50 km/h has an 80 per cent chance of being killed, Fuselli said. But a child hit by a car going only 30 km/h has up to a 95 per chance of surviving.

It's simple logic — slower is safer.

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» **STABBING** Toronto police said they arrived at a bloody scene where three brothers were "stabbed and slashed" in east Toronto early yesterday morning. There was a "substantial amount of blood" at the house when police arrived just after 1 a.m., said Sgt. Douglas Brown. The brothers were taken to different hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries. One has been arrested and charged with weapons-related offences.

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Loss of numbers is couple's $27M gain

Every Friday night for 10 years, Liz and Doug Kinsman played the same Super 7 numbers — until they lost those numbers last year.

That was the first of two lucky days for the Etobicoke couple.

The second was this past Friday, when they won $27 million on a Quick Pick.

top 10

» The prize is the 10th largest jackpot won since the Super 7 lottery was established in 1994.

"We feel fantastic ... We're kind of numb still," said Doug Kinsman, as they picked up their cheque at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation office yesterday.

"It's the magnitude. A million or $2 million is one thing, but $27 million ... It hasn't sunk in yet."

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car crash

Man dies after hitting streetcar

COLLISION A 60-year-old man is dead after he drove his car into a streetcar yesterday afternoon.The man was travelling eastbound on Queen Street East at 2:45 p.m., just east of Sherbourne Street, when he collided head-on with a westbound streetcar.

A police spokesperson said he suspected a medical problem caused the man to lose control of his car. Police are withholding the man's name at the request of his family.

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Metrolinx juggling many plans

It still counts as a minor revolution that barely two years ago the effort to plan this region's transport future was being undertaken piecemeal — in scattered municipal headquarters and provincial government offices. Now, thanks to the GTA planning body Metrolinx and its consultations, a whole lot of eyes are finally looking together at how best to shorten commutes, reduce pollution and simply build smarter cities.

Of course, no one presumes serious politicking isn't still happening in the background. And it is to be expected that various experts and organizations are putting forth plans and priorities in hopes of catching the attention of Metrolinx planners, or politicians, or the media.

« Yes, we are in the midst of a complicated planning revolution in the GTA, but it's also worth paying attention to which projects are getting a push right now, and which ones are languishing unnecessarily. »

Just one example is choosing where to put a new east-west transit link across Toronto, or perhaps several links.

Should there be a rail line down the middle of the 401, or one alongside the 407 toll route?

Will it be possible to run passenger service through Toronto on tracks currently dominated by freight trains?

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Even as Metrolinx studies possible plans and scenarios (everything from "Business-As-Usual" transport engineering to a bold "Web" network) the TTC is moving along at surprising speed with designs for a light rail line along Sheppard Avenue, east of the existing Sheppard "stubway." Near-final decisions for this project, as well as for expansion of the Scarborough RT, will be presented next week at a series of public meetings. See ttc.ca for details.

It seems strange to complain about fast progress, after so many years of dithering — and yet questions need to be addressed about how this line, which is part of a larger Transit City plan, will fit into the larger picture.

Another concern is the impact these new projects will have on the TTC's bottom line — has the transit agency calculated how much money will be required in operating costs when these LRT lines start opening? And who will pay?

Meanwhile, other long-standing projects seem to have fallen into relative limbo, or are on some low-priority track. I have heard little about the overdue bus lanes to York University, and public meetings about similar exclusive lanes along Yonge Street between Steeles and Finch Avenues were recently put off — again — "because of a scheduling conflict with the local councillors," according to the city website toronto.ca.

These improvements could have tangible results for riders in short order but no one is championing their construction. Why not?

North of Steeles, bus lanes on Yonge are now up in the air as some York Region politicians push for fast approval of a subway extension there. Yes, we are in the midst of a complicated planning revolution in the GTA, but it's also worth paying attention to which projects are getting a push right now, and which ones are languishing unnecessarily.

Ed Drass has been covering transportation issues in Toronto since 1998. He has a degree in urban studies from York University and regularly rides transit in the GTA and elsewhere.

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Bernier quits over breach

Foreign minister left secret papers at ex-lover's home

Stephen Harper's Conservative government was shaken to the core yesterday after Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier resigned over a security breach involving classified documents.

Bernier

The prime minister told an extraordinary evening news conference on Parliament Hill that Bernier's controversial relationship with a woman linked to the Hells Angels was not a factor in the decision. But the resignation announcement came a scant two hours before Julie Couillard was broadcast on French-language television network TVA telling viewers her former lover was careless with classified documents.

Two sources said Bernier left sensitive material at Couillard's apartment, her lawyer notified the Foreign Affairs department about the documents on the weekend, and the documents were returned. One source said the package included a mix of classified material and other briefing notes.

The prime minister announced that David Emerson, the international trade minister, will take over as interim foreign affairs minister.

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Ottawa **Ducklings get helping hand**

JAMES MACLENNAN/FOR METRO TORONTO

Arnaldo Lavres helps some ducklings onto a sidewalk along the Mackenzie King Bridge in Ottawa yesterday morning. Mother duck and her ducklings were holding up an OC Transpo bus as they tried to make their way across the road before Lavres stepped in to lend a hand. The family eventually made their way to the Rideau Canal.

LCBO set to dump plastic bags

"Paper or plastic?" will no longer be a question at Ontario's liquor stores as the government corporation becomes one of the first in Canada to stop using plastic bags.

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario will announce today that it won't hand out plastic shopping bags once it exhausts existing supplies.

Customers are being encouraged to bring their own bags or buy a reusable bag.

Stores will still provide paper bags or cardboard boxes.

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president's visit

Ukraine leader thanks Canada

ADDRESS Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko thanked Canada for its help and hospitality over the past century and urged closer ties between the two countries.

In an address to Parliament that kicked off his three-day state visit, the leader of the former Soviet republic said he was "filled with tender feelings" when he touched down in Canada, which is home to 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians.

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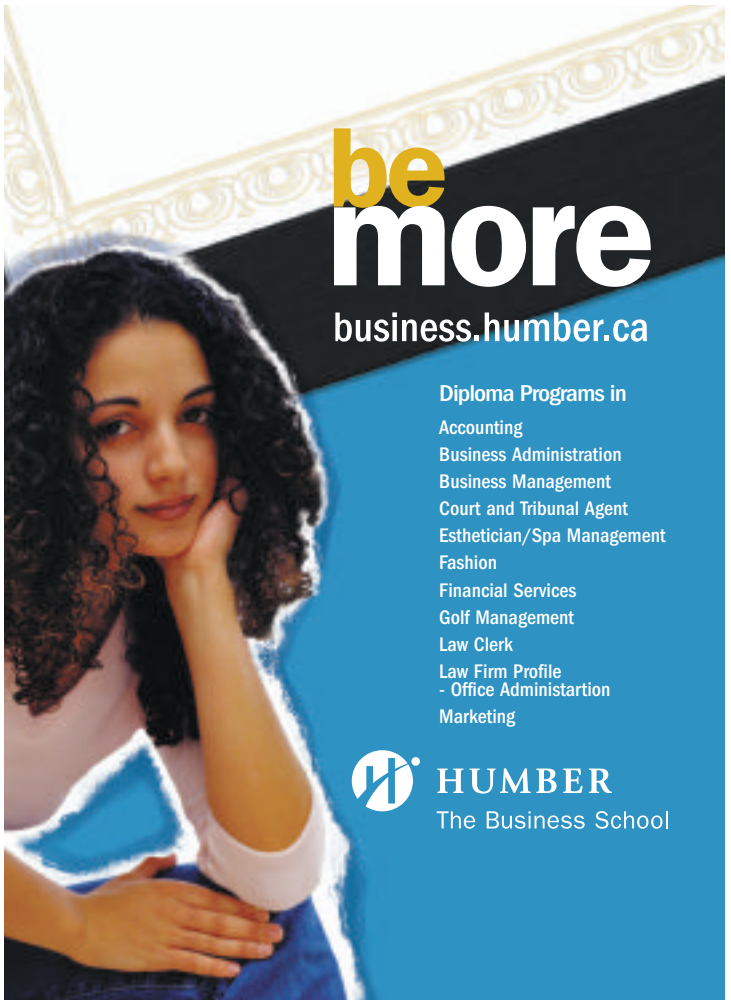

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A money-losing Japanese train company has found the purr-fect mascot to revitalize business: Tourists have been flocking to take pictures of a tabby named Tama, left, the new station master. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Busy day for Phoenix

Mars Lander prepares for ambitious mission

NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander spent its first full day in the Martian Arctic plains checking its instruments in preparation for an ambitious digging mission to study whether the site could have once been habitable.

Sol 1, as the days are known on Mars, was a busy time for the three-legged lander, which set down Sunday in relatively flat terrain cut by polygon-shaped fissures. The geometric cracks are likely caused by the repeated freezing and thawing of buried ice.

Phoenix planned to take more views of its surroundings to help scientists zero in on a digging site and also take images of its onboard instruments, including its trench-digging robotic arm.

Launched last summer, Phoenix sailed through 679 million kilometres of space over a period of about 10 months.

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» Aboard the lander is a $37-million Canadian weather station, about the size of a big shoebox. The station, wrapped in a thermal blanket bearing a tiny Maple Leaf flag, is to help in the search for water.

Madrid **Flying by the seat of his pants**

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Banderillero Juan Jose Rueda flies into the air yesterday as a bull gores him during a San Isidro festival bullfight in Madrid.

»news In Brief

» **CHINA** Parents whose only child was killed or maimed in China's earthquake would be allowed to have another, officials who administer the country's one-child policy in part of the disaster zone said yesterday, offering some solace to grieving couples. Two weeks after the magnitude 7.9 earthquake, the confirmed death toll rose to 65,080 with 23,150 people still missing, the government said. The final number of dead is expected to exceed 80,000.

» **ITALY** An American tourist has been killed by a train in Rome as he walked on the tracks in a daze after being drugged with doctored cappuccinos and robbed. Italian police say 74-year-old Frank Phel of California died Friday at the suburban Tiburtina station.

» **SCIENCE** Dutch scientists claim they have completed the first sequencing of an individual woman's DNA. The first sequencing of a composite human genome was announced in 2001, followed by the first individual DNA sequencing in 2007.

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Billionaire investor George Soros said the money pouring into the oil market had the look of a bubble, but it would not burst until both the U.S. and Britain were in a recession. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A hiring sign on Queen Street West in downtown Toronto.

Canada turns into nation of cashiers

Country has more workers in stores than factories

Canada's red-hot retail industry employed more people than the beleaguered manufacturing sector for the first time last year, according to Statistics Canada.

Canada's retailers employed nearly 1.79 million people last year to become the country's largest employer, knocking manufacturing out of first place by a slim 5,000-job margin.

Canadian retailers are enjoying strong profit margins due to a stronger dollar, cheap Asian imports and an "effervescent job market," economists at National Bank Financial noted yesterday.

rising stars

» Retail sales grew fastest in home furnishing stores, gas stations and appliance and electronics shops. The three largest groups, new car dealers, supermarkets and general merchandise stores, all recorded below average growth rates.

But most laid-off factory workers see a job in retail sales "as a last resort" because of the low pay and long hours, said Dave Parker at the United Steelworkers job action centre in Toronto.

The average retail job paid $14.87 per hour last year, roughly a third less than the average $21.66 an hour manufacturing job, according to Statistics Canada's latest monthly payroll data.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City clears tax-break lure

Program hopes to attract business in key sectors

red tape

» Coun. Mike Feldman said top officials must do a better job of clearing red tape at city hall. He called for a "welcoming, or can-do" committee to make things happen.

A tax-break program to attract business to the city with the goal of creating badly needed jobs has won Toronto City Council's unanimous approval.

The program calls for targeting key sectors such as manufacturing, as well as tax incentives for office construction, cleaning up old industrial sites and projects on swaths of land like Downsview.

Under the tax increment equivalent grant program, owners would continue to pay property taxes based on the current assessment. But as the value of the property rises, the owner would receive up to a 60 per cent grant over 10 years, essentially phasing in increases.

A project must include a minimum $1 million investment and the owner must commit to minimum green development standards and participate in local hiring initiatives.

Mayor David Miller says the message to potential companies wanting to expand or move here is simple:

"We'll make it easier to relocate your business here. If you invest in us, we'll invest in you," he said yesterday.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

eBay Sellers are Making $10,000+ a Month

By Frances M. Kelsey

Why settle for mediocre pay and long hours when it is possible to make over $100,000 a year from the comfort of your home?

Over 170 million people are registered eBay users and 1.3 million are making a full-time living through online auctioning, leaving their everyday jobs.

Duane Barney, online auction expert, is one of many people who have left the mundane aspect of a 9-to-5 desk job and begun to make his own income at home with the help of his children. Now Barney is making around $10,000 a month by selling a variety of items that can be found in his home.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves out of a job before they find out they are not financially secure," Barney said. "They should start ensuring their own and their family's financial future immediately."

Not only does eBay allow people to make money and get rid of some things that may no longer be of use, there are more benefits than cash. If a seller can make $1,000 a month or more, they can qualify for most of the same benefits that are available in a regular 9-to-5 job, such as health, vision and dental. Over 200,000 members of eBay qualify for these benefits and more.

Not only does using eBay at home cut back on paying for gas and having to deal with the hassle of rush hour traffic, but also consumer demands through the Internet are continually growing, allowing for a higher income rate per seller.

According to a speech given by former Senior Vice President of Products Development, Lynn Reddy, on average one car is sold every two minutes, a car part or accessory sold every three seconds, diamond jewelry every eighty-three seconds, and a pair of Timberland shoes every ten minutes. These items and more, from concert tickets to stamps and coins, are sold daily by average people looking to gain an income or better their current cash flow.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right technique," Barney said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income."

Barney said he does not recommend attempting to become a full-time online auctioneer with eBay without learning the basics first.

"It's like driving a car," Barney said. "It's easy to do but if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an accident that costs you time and money to fix."

This should not be taken as discouragement to start working with online auctions.

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»news In Brief

» **BIRTHDAY** The future of Rogers Communications has been thrust into the spotlight once again as president, CEO and founder Ted Rogers celebrates his 75th birthday today, bringing into question the company's direction in the coming years. For many observers, it's hard to imagine a Rogers empire without Rogers at the helm.

» **HEARING** BCE Inc. was granted its wish yesterday for a speedy hearing by the Supreme Court of Canada, which is being asked to overturn a lower court decision to block a $52-billion takeover of BCE by an investor group. If the Supreme Court decides to hear the appeal, it could hear arguments June 17.

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YouTube

Google responds to Viacom's suit

SHARE A $1 billion US copyright infringement lawsuit challenging YouTube's ability to keep copyrighted material off its video-sharing site threatens how people exchange all kinds of information on the Internet, YouTube owner Google said. Google's lawyers made the claim in court papers in response to Viacom's latest lawsuit alleging that the Internet has led to "an explosion of copyright infringement" by YouTube and others.

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sports

American Ashley Harkleroad, left, currently ranked 61st in the world, has revealed she will appear nude in the August issue of Playboy. Harkleroad is the first pro tennis player to do a pictorial in the magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Red Wings forward Valtteri Filppula flies past Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury after scoring the third goal as Pittsburgh defenceman Kris Letang looks on last night during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit.

Pens can't solve Osgood

Detroit posts 2nd straight shutout in Stanley Cup final

WINGS 3 PENGUINS 0

NHL history suggests the Detroit Red Wings are shoo-ins to win the Stanley Cup now.

Brad Stuart, Tomas Holmstrom and Valtteri Filppula scored the goals and Chris Osgood blanked the Pittsburgh Penguins for the second straight game, 3-0 on the heels of a 4-0 whitewash in the opener, as the Red Wings took a 2-0 stranglehold on the championship series last night.

The all-time championship series record of home clubs winning the first two games is 30-1. The 1970-71 Chicago Blackhawks were the only team to blow a 2-0 lead built at home, losing to Montreal in seven games.

The series shifts to Pittsburgh for games tomorrow and Saturday (CBC, 8 p.m. both nights). The Penguins are 8-0 at home in the playoffs so maybe they will get their act together at Mellon Arena.

They'll start Game 3 on their longest goalless stretch all season — 135 minutes 57 seconds. Pittsburgh hadn't been blanked two games in a row since February 2003.

The Wings were bolstered in Game 2 by the return of Johan Franzen, who had 12 goals and 15 points in 11 games before headaches caused him to sit out the last seven. The Penguins got some added grit with the return of Gary Roberts.

Stuart opened the scoring at 6:55 with a slapshot past screened goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, and Holmstrom doubled Detroit's lead at 11:18 off a scramble.

After a scoreless second frame, Filppula made it 3-0 at 8:48 of the third with a dazzling display of stickhandling. The Finnish centre wove his way around defenceman Kris Letang and swept the puck past Fleury as he was being tripped to the ice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blue Jays ready for tougher test

T.O. sweeps Royals before hitting road

BLUE JAYS 7 ROYALS 2

The May resurgence for the Blue Jays is about to be tested, as they embark on a gruelling nine-game, 10-day road trip just as their game finally seems to be coming together.

A 7-2 victory yesterday afternoon completed a four-game sweep of the Kansas City Royals, and capped a 5-2 homestand during which they combined early offence, timely hitting and add-on runs with the strong pitching everyone has come to expect.

Now, after a dreadful 11-17 start in April, the Blue Jays are riding a five-game win streak to match their season-high and sit three games over .500 at 28-25 for the first time in 2008.

After the game they departed for a swing through Oakland, Anaheim and New York that should offer a better measuring stick than the reeling Royals.

"We've got a big test this road trip, a true test for where we're at," said first baseman Lyle Overbay. "If we're going to compete the way we want to we've got to compete against these guys."

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Blue Jays starter Shaun Marcum allowed just two runs, one earned, in 7 1/3 innings against the Kansas City Royals yesterday at Rogers Centre.

»sports In Brief

» **MLB** Former Major League Baseball and Japanese league pitcher Geremi Gonzalez was hit by lightning and killed in his native Venezuela, an official said yesterday. The 33-year-old pitcher, who played for five MLB teams and spent spring training with the Blue Jays last year, was struck by lightning while riding on a personal watercraft on Sunday night.

» **TENNIS** Top-ranked Roger Federer beat Sam Querrey of the United States 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 yesterday in the first round of the French Open, where the 12-time major champion is trying to become only the sixth man to complete a career Grand Slam. On the women's side, No. 3 Jelena Jankovic and No. 8 Venus Williams advanced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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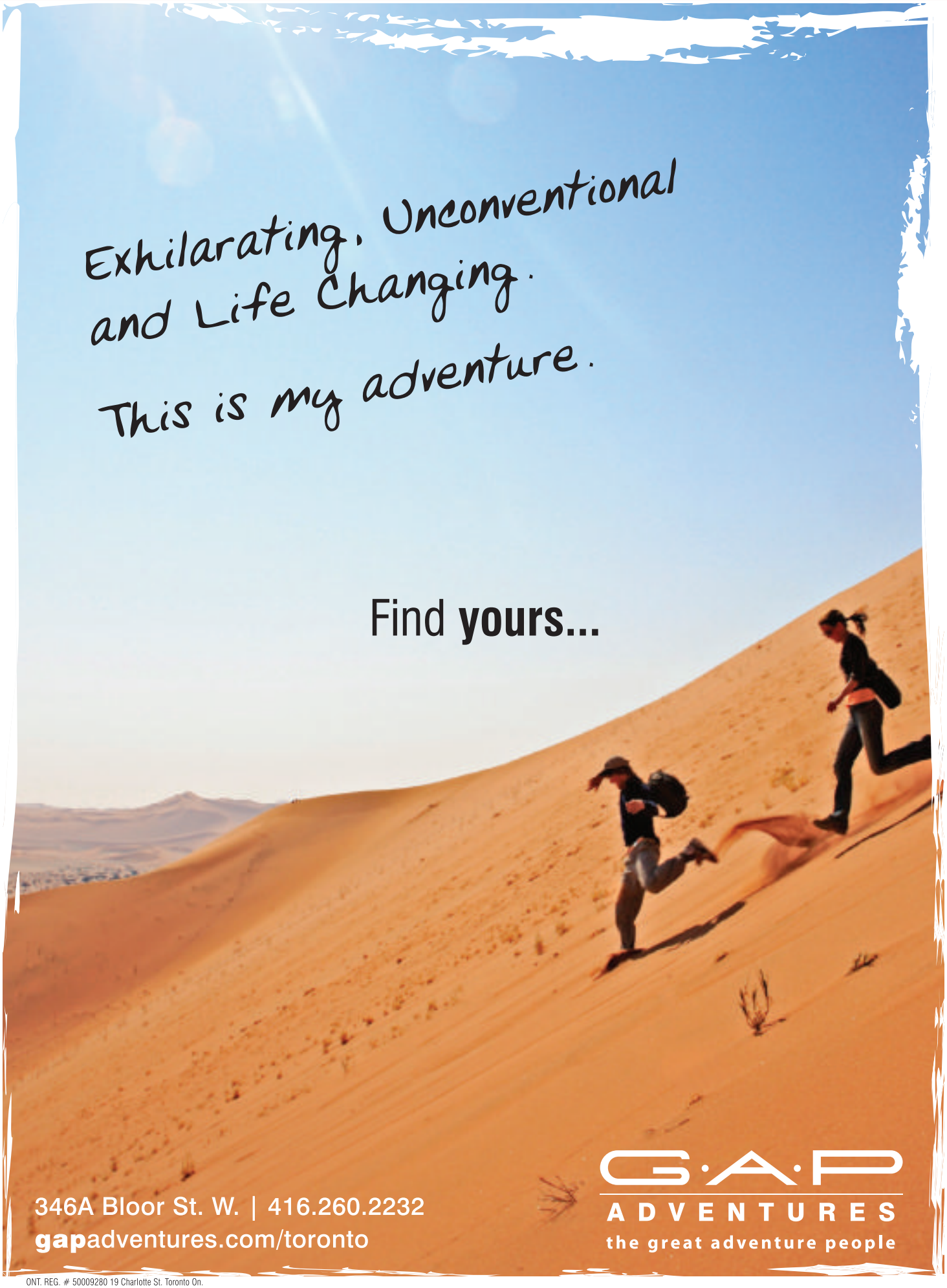

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Leafs' GM hunt heats up

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And so it is coming down to a pair of ex-NHL general managers, **Doug Armstrong** or **Neil Smith**, for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

After receiving formal rejections to their requests for permission to speak to a bevy of active front-office types about their GM position, the Leafs will launch their interview process within the next week with Armstrong and Smith. In fact, they may be the only two who get interviewed.

And sources who irrefutably are in position to know have told Metro that one of the two very likely will be hired before the end of June.

The sources also said Armstrong is the top candidate at this point because the Dallas Stars — whom he essentially built — were impressive in advancing to the recent Western final against the Detroit Red Wings.

Armstrong, son of former NHL linesman and scout **Neil Armstrong**, was the Stars' GM from 2002 until November 2007. A native of Sarnia, Ont., Armstrong served in different roles with Dallas over 17 years.

Smith, a Toronto native, was the New York Rangers' GM from 1989 to 2000.

» **Dave Nonis**, fired as the Vancouver Canucks' GM after the regular season and interviewed by the Leafs recently for a front-office job in which he would have been obligated to report to the new Toronto GM, will be hired this week as the new GM of either the St. Louis Blues or the Atlanta Thrashers ... Among the candidates whom the Leafs were forbidden by other organizations from pursuing were Detroit GM **Ken Holland**, Detroit assistant GM **Jim Nill**, Detroit vice-president **Steve Yzerman**, San Jose Sharks GM **Doug Wilson** and Anaheim Ducks GM **Brian Burke**. The Leafs are determined to play by the rules and therefore have given up efforts to pry any of the aforementioned five ... Also, two previous top candidates — executives **Glen Sather** and **Bob Clarke** of the New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers, respectively — have been deemed too old by the Leafs and are no longer being considered by the Leafs' braintrust.

» In baseball, the Blue Jays' **John Gibbons** is no longer the best bet to become the first MLB manager fired this season.

The Seattle Mariners' **John McLaren** and the New York Mets' **Willie Randolph** are neck-and-neck

der has gone 6-0 and has been dominating batters after being transformed from a reliever to a starter.

» And a former major-league journeyman, pitcher **John Parrish**, is raising scouts' eyebrows these days for that dubious distinction.

» And a former major-league journeyman, pitcher **John Parrish**, is raising scouts' eyebrows with the Jays' Triple A affiliate in Syracuse.

The 30-year-old left-hander has gone 6-0 and has been dominating batters after being transformed from a reliever to a starter.

In three-plus decades as a columnist and broadcaster, Marty York has built a network of solid contacts and a renowned reputation for his hard-hitting, groundbreaking style. The tradition continues in Metro Sports.

Furyk looking for Canadian three-peat

Two-time champ will defend title

Jim Furyk will be looking for his third straight Canadian Open title when the event is played at Glen Abbey in Oakville in July.

Furyk

He was among the first group of confirmed players unveiled today by the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

Retief Goosen and Fred Couples will also be in the field along with Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames.

Four other PGA Tour winners from this year have also confirmed their attendance: Sean O'Hair, Ryuji Imada, Boo Weekley and J.B. Holmes.

Furyk won the 2006 Canadian Open in Hamilton and defended that title at Angus Glen last summer.

He's looking to become the first man ever to win three in a row at the third-oldest national golf championship, now known as the RBC Canadian Open.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL
PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT
Game 2 — Last night
Detroit 3 Pittsburgh 0
Game 3 — Tomorrow
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8
Game 4 — Saturday
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8
*Game 5 — Monday, June 2
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8
*Game 6 — Wednesday, June 4
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8
*Game 7 — Saturday, June 7
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8
(Detroit leads series 2-0)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. DETROIT
Game 4 — Last night
Boston at Detroit
Game 5 — Tomorrow
Detroit at Boston, 8:30
*Game 6 — Friday
Boston at Detroit, 8:30
*Game 7 — Sunday
Detroit at Boston, 8:30
(Boston leads series 2-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 3 — Sunday
San Antonio 103 L.A. Lakers 84
Game 4 — Tonight
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9
*Game 5 — Thursday
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9
*Game 6 — Saturday
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30
*Game 7 — Monday, June 2
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1)
(* – if necessary)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	31	20	.608	—
Boston	31	22	.585	1
TORONTO	**28**	**25**	**.528**	**4**
Baltimore	25	25	.500	5½
N.Y. Yankees	25	26	.490	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	27	22	.551	—
Minnesota	25	25	.500	2½
Cleveland	23	27	.460	4½
Detroit	21	29	.420	6½
Kansas City	21	30	.412	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	30	22	.577	—
Oakland	28	23	.549	1½
Texas	26	27	.491	4½
Seattle	18	33	.353	11½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Florida	30	20	.600	—
Atlanta	28	23	.549	2½
Philadelphia	29	24	.547	2½
N.Y. Mets	23	26	.469	6½
Washington	22	30	.423	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	30	21	.588	—
St. Louis	30	22	.577	½
Houston	29	23	.558	1½
Pittsburgh	24	26	.480	5½
Milwaukee	24	27	.471	6
Cincinnati	23	28	.451	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	30	21	.588	—
L.A. Dodgers	26	24	.520	3½
Colorado	20	31	.392	10
San Francisco	20	31	.392	10
San Diego	19	33	.365	11½

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO 7 Kansas City 2
Baltimore 6 N.Y. Yankees 1
Tampa Bay 7 Texas 3
Chicago W. Sox at Cleveland
Detroit at L.A. Angels
Boston at Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 7 Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 3 L.A. Dodgers 1
Florida 7 N.Y. Mets 3
Milwaukee 4 Washington 3 (11 ings)
Philadelphia 20 Colorado 5
TONIGHT'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05
Chicago W. Sox at Cleveland, 7:05
Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:10
TORONTO at Oakland, 10:05
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:05
Boston at Seattle, 10:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 7:05
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:05
Houston at St. Louis, 8:15
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40
Washington at San Diego, 10:05

MLS

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES
FEATURING TORONTO FC:
SATURDAY'S GAME
Los Angeles at **TORONTO**, 3:30

LOTTERIES

Ontario Pick 3	2 2 7
Ontario Pick 4	2 9 6 3
Encore	2074275
Daily Keno	2, 4, 9, 12, 17, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31, 36, 42, 44, 45, 53, 56, 60, 66, 67, 68. Results not official

»sports In Brief

» **SOCCER** A report that Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment are in talks to purchase English soccer club Leeds United is "pure fiction," according to MLSE president Richard Peddie. London's Sunday Mirror, citing unnamed sources, had reported on its website that preliminary talks between Leeds and MLSE had taken place.

» **SOCCER** Iraq's soccer federation was suspended from international competition for one year because of the decision by its government to disband all national sports governing bodies. FIFA's executive committee said it would revoke the ban if it received by Thursday "written confirmation from the Iraqi government that the decree has been annulled."

» **CFL** Receiver/kick returner Bethel Johnson, who won two Super Bowl rings while with the New England Patriots, signed with the Argonauts yesterday. Johnson spent three seasons with the Patriots (2003-'05) after being selected in the second round of the NFL draft out of Texas A&M. He has also played for New Orleans and Minnesota.

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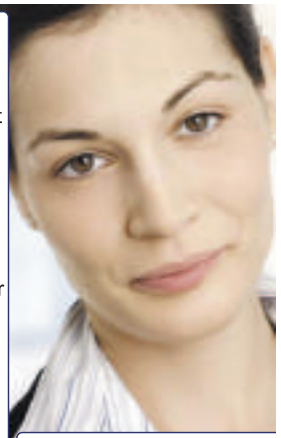

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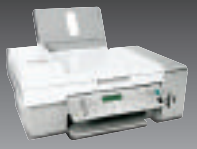

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- CARRIE R., TORONTO

A Hi Carrie, it only takes one look at a new mom cruising down the side walk with her Bugaboo stroller and Coach diaper bag to suddenly feel like you need the same. As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy. Smart Cookies consulted our favourite hot new moms and are happy to share some tips. Total cost for baby's "stuff" in year one should not exceed $6,500 (not including food), in fact it can often be done for less.

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For safety reasons, we don't recommend buying used, but you don't have to spend a fortune. Ikea and Toys R Us both sell beautiful and safe cribs for $250 or less. And forget fancy bedding sets that can run up to $300. Instead, buy solid-colour bedding ($50), then decorate the nursery with themed accessories.

STROLLER:

Your best bet is to invest in a new, safe stroller. You can find a stroller for around $70. Consumer Reports suggests Safety 1st Acella Alumilite and the Evenflo Journey.

> *« My new mom friends purchase so much for their babies and I'm worried that we will spend money we don't have, trying to keep up. »* Carrie R., reader

TOYS

Babies don't really need any toys before they are 3-4 months old. Ask other new moms if they are interested in doing toy swaps.

CLOTHES

Buy your children's clothes for next year at the end of each season. If you know that your child will be wearing size two next summer, at the end of this summer stock up at Baby Gap when everything is on sale.

DIAPERS

Often parents complain that less expensive, no name diapers are more likely to cause diaper rash. Since babies are more prone to diaper rash the longer their diaper is on, splurge on the diapers that will be on your baby the longest — the ones at night.

Lastly, put a single friend on speed dial. When all your friends with babies try to convince you that you really do need the $800 Bugaboo Stroller, your single girlfriends will tell you like it really is!

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Q I have worked in marketing for the past eight years and would like to start a business of my own. I have discussed this with my wife and she supports any venture I decide. Attached are several businesses' financial statements that would be of interest. Can you offer any advice as to which maybe best suited?

- FRANK, VAUGHAN

A Choosing a small business based on its numbers is only one criterion before making a large financial commitment. What criteria would you use for choosing a life-long partner? Hopefully, not just looks! Here are some considerations for entrepreneurs:

What are your reasons for wanting to start a business? Hate your boss? Not enough money? Too many hours? Sometimes, many of these can be resolved with a new job. Working for yourself does not translate to more money or less hours.

What product or service are you bringing to the marketplace? Do you have the expertise or background to offer service? Research! List your qualities that would make this business a success.

Do you have the funds or can obtain necessary financing? Many hopes of starting a business are eliminated at this stage. Everyone should have dreams but not be delusional.

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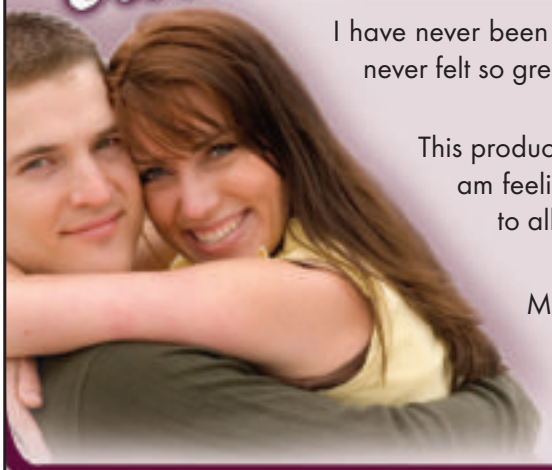

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Feeling good for a living

Self-esteem guru dishes on life, work, confidence

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Toronto

With the third season of hit makeover show X-Weighted just airing on the Slice Network, the show's resident self-esteem guru Fred Connors walks the walk and talks the talk.

The confident, youthful 41-year-old with 25 years of experience as a stylist says looking good starts on the inside.

"How we look is directly related to how we feel. People are starting to realize their success in the world is based on how much self-esteem they have," Connors said.

X-Weighted follows obese Canadians trying to drop the fat and live healthier lifestyles and Connors helps participants want and strive for a better sense of self-worth to find satisfaction in their own lives. The key is getting people to step back and see how to use their proverbial lemons to make lemonade.

"I look at difficulty not as a disaster but as an opportunity. It's amazing how the process of self-exploration can lead people to personal fulfillment," Connors said.

Despite wearing many hats successfully — Connors is an accomplished stylist, clothing and cosmetics designer as well as a regular on X-Weighted — the one Connors identifies with most is that of entrepreneur — he runs his own hybrid café-spa-art gallery in Halifax.

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>
> *Self-esteem guru Fred Connors*

True to form, he lives the very same lessons he teaches on X-Weighted.

"I've always been tactile and creative. I have an intuitive sense of how to relate to people and I'm very proud of the things I've been able to accomplish," Connors said.

"I'm very able to look at individuals and show them things that aren't working about themselves and whether their ideologies are aligned with what their goals in life are."

He thinks his ability to be frank is a big part of his success on the show.

"When I see someone who's in a dysfunctional relationship, I don't have that feeling of discomfort drawing attention to it if doing so will ultimately improve the quality of that relationship," he said.

Self-esteem is a two-way process that Connors says reflects not only your own thoughts and goals but also the way you relate to other people.

"The way we feel about ourselves, the way we feel about the people around us and the way we relate to our community all defines the way people perceive us," he said.

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Fred Connors specializes in self-esteem.

What's your personality?

Ever been introduced to someone who seems so opposite of you? Ever get along with a superior so well that you wondered how you could work so closely with anyone else? Everyone has different personality styles. Understand what yours is to make a positive impact on others in your work environment.

»Emotion-driven:

Do people know how you feel before you even say so? Emotion-driven people are usually great in sales. Be careful, however, for those people who are fast-talkers. Never make promises that you cannot follow through on.

»Analytical:

Do others find you distant or reserved? Analytical people love to break things down. They can take forever when making business decisions, and do not like to be pushed by others.

Check back in future issues of Metro for more personality types and how to capitalize on yours.

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Learning through music

Teacher talks of tuning into language and math

The challenge was to come up with an idea that can transform public education, particularly in poor communities. The winner: An educator with a passion for making school fun.

Michael Bitz won a national competition in the United States with his idea for helping students learn academic subjects while creating their own record labels.

Now, he'll try to bring that idea to schools across the country as the first recipient of a fellowship awarded recently through the Mind Trust, an Indianapolis nonprofit. The group's stated goal is to encourage entrepreneurial solutions to problems in U.S. schools.

An adjunct assistant professor at New York's Columbia University, the 36-year-old Bitz previously founded the Comic Book Project, a popular program in which kids work on reading and writing by creating comic books.

An award-winning instructor says music can be a route through which students can learn other subjects.

He is already testing his new idea in New York City after-school programs. The kids write songs, create digital tracks, design cover art and market their CDs.

Elementary schoolers have recorded tracks about civil rights heroes and favourite holidays, while middle schoolers have rapped about edgier subjects like weapons, crime, and love.

Through the fellowship, worth about $250,000, Bitz hopes to put the program in place during the school day in Indianapolis schools.

That can be a challenge in many districts, where an intense focus is often placed on core academic subjects tested under the federal No Child Left Behind law. Such a focus can come at the expense of other school activities.

Bitz says his program might boost reading and math scores. For example, he said the children who work on the CDs build math skills by coming up with marketing and business plans.

"I don't think it's so explicit as to be like, 'Oh, by the way, you just learned something about the quadratic equation,' but it's built into the process of what the children are supposed to be doing," he said.

Madelyne Giron, 13, says she was surprised one day to realize the fun she was having in the music program had a lot in common with the traditional work she was doing in her English class.

"We were writing the songs, and we did similes, metaphors and personification," she said.

The program also seems to have social benefits.

Madelyne's friend Katherine Saldana said making CDs got kids in the after-school program to get along. "In the beginning we used to have a lot of conflicts. Since the program began, we came more together." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

on the move
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name » *Takara Small*
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TAKARA SMALL is gearing up for a career in journalism. Her career goal is to one day travel the world and report on the world's hot spots. In the meantime, she's in her second year of a four-year journalism program at Ryerson University. She also sharpens her writing skills interning for a television and radio station. This small-town girl does big-city work as a sales rep for a major clothing retailer and likes to take in Toronto's famed sites.

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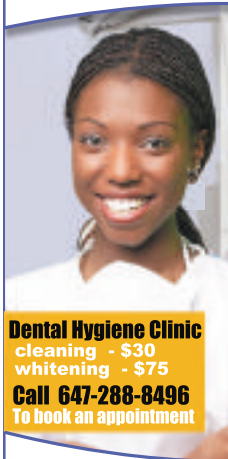

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Volunteering abroad

Coupling travel and helping out has many benefits

future plans

» Blackmore is heading to London, England where she plans to complete a master's degree next year in sexual health and reproduction and also plans to go to medical school in the future.

Charlotte Blackmore got into the car where her mother had been waiting to pick her up and started crying.

She had just left the building where she had attended a leadership conference in Peterborough, Ont. While there, she heard a speech by child rights advocate Craig Kielburger that motivated and inspired her to pursue her desire to travel while doing something to benefit others.

Within a week, the 17-year-old had signed up to volunteer in Kenya the summer before starting university.

"I think it was just the combination of the travel and do amazing things while you're doing it," Blackmore, now 21, recalled of the message that resonated from Kielburger's speech.

"It was the first time I had ever thought or imagined the possibility of going to a place like Africa, which at the time had seemed (like) a foreign concept to someone of my age."

Blackmore teamed up with Kielburger's organization, Free The Children, and joined a group of volunteers living at a camp in the Maasai Mara region of Kenya, spending half-days teaching English, math and science to children at the Emorijoi school.

Recently at 19, Blackmore was glancing through the brochure, she said for some reason the idea of Nicaragua "totally stuck out."

But unlike her experience with Free The Children, where volunteers travel in a large group and do everything together, this time out, she'd be on her own with just a support staff. Blackmore recalls the precise moment where it went from more than just a volunteer stint abroad to become transformative.

"We had just come back from working on about a 10-hour day in a really, really, rural clinic and I was riding in the back of a pickup truck, and we were coming down the side of a mountain and the sun was setting," she recalls.

"It was just a pristine moment, I couldn't probably ever repeat it ... but it was the moment when I realized that this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

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Should you stay or go?

Things to consider to volunteer, study abroad

Jeff Minthorn has had his fair share of international travel, whether it's studying in Italy, living in the U.K. or working in Antarctica.

Now as co-founder and editor-in-chief of Verge Magazine, a Canadian-based publication focused on exploring opportunities to study, work and volunteer abroad, he and his staff help provide the tools and resources to others interested in heading overseas.

He suggests those thinking of volunteering abroad take time to consider a few things before they start packing their bags.

motivation

» An honest assessment of what's motivating you to go. Determine what you hope to get out of it by identifying your goals and expectations of what you're hoping to achieve.

inspiration

» Once that's been established, the next task is choosing the location. "What place holds some fascination for you, or have you always wanted to go," he said. "Or maybe you know somebody who grew up in a certain place and you wonder, 'I wonder what it was like there?"

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Editor-in-chief of Verge Magazine Jeff Minthorn

aspiration

» Decide what you would like to do while you're there and what skill sets you'd like to develop or put to use. "The motivation, the place you'd like to go to and what you'd like to do there: it's a process then of trying to mesh those things."

preparation

» Minthorn also recommends that people leave themselves between six months to a year to properly plan for their journey, which will include ensuring you have the proper visas for entry, work permits, and depending on location, the needed shots and inoculations.

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School structure in home environment

Kindergarten teacher offers five lessons

Lisa Holewa was amazed by how easily her daughter's kindergarten class moved from one project to another. There was no whining, no tantrums.

At home, Holewa's daughter dawdled or tried to negotiate when changing tasks, and Holewa assumed it was because she wasn't firm enough. But the teacher, Joan Rice, simply had the five-year-olds put their unfinished projects in a "Not Done" pouch — giving them a signal that they would get to return to the project.

"That's the moment when I thought there's really something magical going on here," Holewa said.

Holewa, a former reporter for The Associated Press, went on to write, along with Rice, What Kindergarten Teachers Know: Practical and Playful Ways for Parents to Help Children Listen, Learn and Cooperate at Home.

The book, released Tuesday by Penguin Group's Perigee division, is aimed at parents of children three to six-years-old, with help from other teachers across the United States, Holewa's pediatrician and other writers.

Here are five of their tips:

attention

»1. Get a child's attention

Be physically in the child's presence when speaking. Make eye contact, and touch him on the shoulder or hand to get his attention. The authors recommend creating a "listen to me signal," like turning off the light or ringing a bell.

easy steps

» 2. Break up tasks into smaller pieces

It's important to have clear endings and beginnings to activities and to give specific directions broken into manageable steps. For instance, instead of saying, "clean up this mess," they recommend saying, "Put all the cars into this bin, then put it on the shelf in your bedroom."

Rice, now a third-grade teacher with two daughters ages 11 and 13, said she started using the "Not Done" pouch because she knows how, even as an adult, it's hard to put a project down that isn't finished.

"In a child it's just manifesting so much more in their feelings," she said.

play, play, play

»3. Play is important

True play isn't participating in organized sports or playing computer games. It involves children using their imagination, such as using wooden blocks to build a roadway for race cars.

keep it simple

»4. Create a routine

For reluctant sleepers, follow a relaxing, consistent routine every night to build toward bedtime. Parents can sprinkle "sandman's dust" or baby powder over children before sleep, or rub "sleep potion" or body lotion on arms and legs as a gentle massage.

shhhh...

»5. Use quiet time

Some teachers feel the concept of a "time-out" has become overused and punitive. The authors suggest approaching a child gently before the quiet time with words like "You could use a quiet time to relax." That allows children to save face with their friends. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Beauty labels decoded

alive

From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

Organic beauty products are so popular that, with high-profile designers like Stella McCartney leading the way, mass manufacturers are scrambling to jump on the organic beauty bandwagon. But don't be seduced by slick marketing campaigns and carefully phrased packaging using the words natural or pure to appear eco-friendly.

The use of the word natural is completely unregulated. Any manufacturer can toss a few plant-based ingredients into a product and call it natural, even if the product also contains toxic chemicals. Instead, look for beauty products that are labelled certified 100 per cent organic. They contain organic vegetable oils and herbal extracts that are not only richer in vitamins and nutrients but safer because they are not exposed to cancer-causing pesticides.

Also check the extraction method used to derive the natural ingredients, as various extraction methods affect the efficacy of the ingredient. Oil or wax extraction from a plant using either chemical solvents or extremely high heat destroys the plant's botanical properties. Look for the words cold-pressed on labels.

Choose products that use essential oils as a natural preservative. Synthetic preservatives will give products a longer shelf life, but may contain carcinogenic ingredients. Essential oils have been extracted from the leaves and buds of flowers and are truly natural.

Your skin absorbs over 50 per cent of the cremes and lotions you put on it. When shopping for beauty products, just think of this: if you wouldn't eat it, why would you smear it on your skin?

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Above: Green Apple Antioxidant Moisturizer, $43 (2 oz.); available at Sephora.

How to read beauty product labels

» 100 per cent organic: contains 100 per cent organically produced ingredients (excluding water and salt).
» Certified organic or eco-cert: contains at least 95 per cent organic ingredients (excluding water and salt).
» Made with organic ingredients: contains at least 70 per cent organic ingredients.
» Hypoallergenic: products are less likely to cause allergic reactions.
» Alcohol-free: contains no ethyl alcohol (or grain alcohol).
» Fragrance-free: product has no perceptible odour.
» Noncomedogenic: products do not contain common pore-clogging ingredients that could lead to acne.
» Cruelty-free or no new animal testing: implies that products have not been tested on animals.

ALIVE MAGAZINE

Lush and The Body Shop products are well known for their natural ingredients. Clockwise from top left: Chocolate Whipstick lip balm from Lush, $8.95; Glow Enhancer Pink, $15.50, The Body Shop; Shimmer Buds eye colour, $18.50, The Body Shop; and new Cinnamon solid shampoo bar, $9.95 (55g).

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3. H8 2 D8 U: Hate to date you, ie. "This feels wrong."
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Anyone interested in taking a page from Demi Moore's book should check out speed-dating service Fastlife, which hosts Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events.

More and more women are taking a page from the lives of Demi Moore, Madonna and Cameron Diaz (be it their past or present) and reeling in those sexy, younger men.

And the men seem to enjoy a woman with a little more ... experience.

Fastlife, which offers specialized speed-dating events, is one of the many dating services that has become wise to this dating trend. Their Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events, which started in Canada just over a year ago, have become one of their most popular says the company's CEO and founder Justin Parfitt. These events are also their most successful in terms of matches.

"Generally, at an event where there are 20 people, you get maybe 17 or 18 people getting a match. There would be two or three people that didn't," he says. "But with these, we almost always get everyone getting a match and getting a match with several people."

Parfitt says he notices a role reversal at these events, where the women take the lead, while the men follow suit.

"The women that attend are bolder. They are in control and able to express their preferences," says Parfitt. "While the men take on a slightly more feminine role. They are conscious that they are the younger ones."

dating event
» Fastlife's next Toyboy Speed Dating event is tomorrow (May 28) at 7:30. For more information visit *fastlife.ca.*

Changing, it seems, are the days of the suave macho male taking care of his girlfriend's every desire. Or just older men attracting beautiful, young women with the promises of being taken care of.

More women are taking to the dating motto of Ivana Trump — Donald Trump's ex-wife and former matchmaker of the reality show Ivana Young Man — and saying "I'd rather be a babysitter than a nurse."

But with such an acute change in the roles of men and women in dating, it's little wonder that most of us are so utterly confused by the opposite sex. When it comes to dating, what was once, whether we liked it or not, clearly defined by our gender, has now been turned on its head and we're left trying to catch up with the change.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.

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A GUY THING
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A ROCKERS' GUIDE TO AGING GRACEFULLY, PART 2: A few installments ago in this space I wrote about aging rock stars who try desperately to maintain mainstream relevance long after their platinum-selling prime.

I was specifically referring to Poison lead singer Bret Michaels and his train wreck reality TV show Rock Of Love, but there are numerous other examples — think Motley Crue's Vince Neil and his stint on The Surreal Life.

But if you ever wanted to know the ideal rock semi-retirement recipe, take a few notes from Sammy Hagar.

The former Van Halen front man has shunned reality TV offers and cheesy publicity stunts in favour of playing smaller gigs for his tight group of fans — he played to a crowd of about 5,000 at Casino Rama last week, while in some U.S. cities he still manages to fill arenas — and hasn't panicked about relatively miniscule record sales.

Unlike others whose bands dissolve or change lead singers, Hagar, who gained fame with the claim that he just couldn't drive 55, seems to be cruising at 60.

In fact, Sammy's cashed in on more than just his musical talents.

In 1996, after being fired (or did he quit?) from Van Halen for the first time, the Red Rocker decided to take up tequila making as a hobby and to have a new top-shelf liquor to offer at his club in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

What followed was the premium tequila Cabo Wabo.

Hagar marketed the brand himself over the years to save money and managed to get the spirit into enough bars that last year it was ranked as the second-best-selling premium tequila in the U.S.

No small feat for a guy who many critics and fans considered only second-best to original and current Van Halen front man David Lee Roth.

But here's the kicker (unemployed rock gods, pay attention): Hagar sold an 80 per cent stake in Cabo Wabo to the Campari group last year for a whopping $80 million.

Faced with difficulties marketing the tequila worldwide, Hagar needed a strong corporate alliance to grow the brand.

Rock purists may think Sammy sold out by rocking his way into the business world in the first place, but here's a guy who could have faded into obscurity when Eddie kicked him to the curb for the second time, but instead managed to translate his passion for tequila into a hugely successful business venture.

"I started this company from scratch ... in my little club in Mexico that I built with my own money and my own two hands," he says of noting the differences between starting and building a business versus merely endorsing a product.

Cabo Wabo founder and former Van Halen frontman Sammy Hagar.

When asked about his musical contemporaries selling their souls for an extra 15 minutes of fame on reality shows, Hagar points to the fact that it's often record label management that encourages aging artists to jump onto TV to gain exposure.

Sammy's still not having any of it. Think what you will of his music, but the man's got the right idea when it comes to rock retirement.

"I'm not trying to become the next big thing. I love my fans and I won't do anything to hurt them right now. I'm just interested in keeping them happy. I'd rather be where I am for the rest of my life than take a chance and lose that."

GOODBYE and THANKS: On a personal note, I want to thank A Guy Thing's many loyal readers who have offered their support over the past four years. This will be the last instalment of your favourite men's column as I move on to a new phase in my career. It's been a pleasure and I'm forever grateful for your kind thoughts.

Chris Atchison has been working as a journalist for the past seven years in both freelance and full-time capacities. A Guy Thing, his take on the everyday travails of the urban male, runs bi-weekly.

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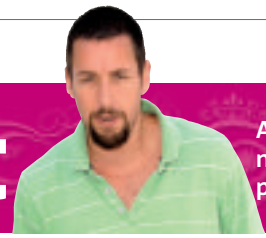

Actor Adam Sandler, left, has announced that his wife, Jackie, is expecting their second child. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

honorary doctor

Yale gives degree to Paul McCartney

McCartney

PEOPLE Paul McCartney can now add one more honour to the numerous awards, accolades and the knighthood he has already received.

The ex-Beatle yesterday was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree from Yale University.

In granting the honorary degree to McCartney — Sir Paul McCartney since he was knighted in 1996 — the university said no one compares with the legendary songwriter.

Yale said the 65-year-old McCartney awakened a generation, giving a fresh sound to rock 'n' roll, and rhythm and blues.

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CBC unveils fall lineup

U.S. game shows among new TV programming

By RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Toronto

In the glare of the noonday sun beaming down into the atrium at CBC's downtown Toronto headquarters, the national network announced its slate of fall shows, a menu of tried and true returning shows, while new programming was mostly relegated to one-off specials and miniseries.

The presentation began with Richard Stursberg, the Corp's executive vice-president of English services, taking the stage after a brief filmed comic introduction by Manooj Sood of Little Mosque On The Prairie. Stursberg said that the broadcaster is coming off "a great year — our best in a decade," and indulged in a little gloating over the network beating Global with a 7.8 primetime share, its best performance in over a decade.

That this past television season was also one where whole seasons of U.S.-made programs were virtually scuttled thanks to the Hollywood writers' strike wasn't mentioned, and with its almost entirely homegrown roster of shows, the CBC was able to sail through the year without resorting to reruns or lacklustre last-minute substitute programming. The test will be seeing if the network can maintain its lead in the year to come.

Among the shows returning are comedies Little Mosque and Sophie, as well as dramatic programming such as The Border, Heartland and British co-production The Tudors. The network's foray into reality programming — Dragons' Den, the entrepreneurial competition — is returning for a third season, as is The Hour, its topical variety chat show, and Steven And Chris, its flagship lifestyle show. The Rick Mercer Report returns, as does This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Royal Canadian Air Farce, for its final season, which culminates in a New Year's Eve special.

Sophie returns to CBC this fall.

The big news was the return of Ontario-born Alex Trebek to the network, with its acquisition of rights to the long-running game show Jeopardy!, which joins Wheel Of Fortune, its other imported game show. Specialty programming includes a miniseries on the early career of Celine Dion, Everest, an adventure miniseries starring Jason Priestley and William Shatner, and India Reborn, a four-hour documentary on the surging economy of the subcontinent, by the same team that produced the network's well-regarded China Rises for the network two years ago.

Leafing through the binder handed out at the presentation, it looks like there's more new programming in children's television – two new shows, Animal Mechanicals and Mighty Jungle – than in all of CBC's primetime schedule. The Mother Corp is truly playing it safe this year, in apparent anticipation of its commercial competitors failing to get their largely imported mojo back in working order.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs, right, has put to rest speculation he is romancing Eddie Murphy's ex-wife Tracey Edmonds, insisting there is "nothing" between the two of them.
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Another throwback for Stallone

Rambo

Stars: Sylvester Stallone
Distributor: Maple Pictures DVD

LOOKING LESS bulked out than thickened, Sylvester Stallone pulls off the second part of a double play by reviving John Rambo for a fourth film, less than a year after adding a sixth installment to his Rocky Balboa franchise, both characters returning to the screen after a long hiatus.

With Rocky Balboa, Stallone's hangdog protagonist returned for a bittersweet coda to the original films, but Rambo's return is a much grimmer affair, given resonance by a prescient choice of setting.

The film finds Stallone's Rambo living wordlessly in the jungles of Thailand, capturing snakes for tacky tourist shows, when a group of missionaries approach him to take them upriver into Burma where they're trying to help the Karen people, a persecuted minority under the Burmese regime.

DVD REVIEWS
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"Are you bringing weapons?" he asks pointedly, and we know that, if they won't, Rambo will.

When the missionaries are captured by a ruthless unit of the Burmese army, Rambo goes back upriver again with a group of mercenaries to perform a rescue mission, and for some reason these soldiers of fortune have no idea who's piloting their boat, though we all know they'll find out sooner or later.

By the time the credits roll, the body count has defied all efforts at tallying, and the pacifist missionary leader has gotten his own "first blood," so to speak, while a wounded Rambo surveys the carnage.

The ending suggests the possibility of a Rambo V, a likelihood I wouldn't bet against.

Besides a digital copy of the film playable on your iPod or media player, the bonus features include featurettes on the production, the weapons, and the political context of the film, which erupted into relevance with last year's protests by Buddhist monks against the Burmese regime, and again with the aftermath of the recent cyclone.

Hopes that the film will publicize the cause of Burmese dissidents and the Karen rebels are probably optimistic, as action film fans aren't particularly known for their political activism.

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Absolutely Fabulous

Stars: Jennifer Saunders
Distributor: BBC DVD

THE WHOLE of Ab Fab's intermittent 13-year run is contained in this padded silver book — all five seasons and three special episodes featuring the tawdry misadventures of Edina (Jennifer Saunders) and Patsy (Joanna Lumley), two middle-aged fashion and status-obsessed Londoners unencumbered by either ethics or morality.

Ab Fab is proof of the first rule of comedy — the best examples of the genre require that we laugh at the protagonists, while being able to recognize our own worst qualities in them. This would explain the show's popularity both among fashion types and celebrities, many of whom swarmed the show in cameos by the time of its third season creative peak. Later series lag and misfire, as do the long special episodes, but inevitably recover whenever Saunders and Lumley are allowed to let their characters dominate the scene.

Probably a high water mark for British comedy, though it would have been more fondly remembered if fan enthusiasm hadn't inspired too many revivals.

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Thomson sketch draws record price

An oil sketch by Tom Thomson has sold for nearly $2 million at auction in Toronto, a record for the iconic Canadian artist.

The vibrant panel, entitled Pine Trees At Sunset, depicts the silhouettes of three spindly trees set against a blazing sunset.

Dated to about 1915 or 1916, it was estimated to sell for between $900,000 and $1.1 million. After a protracted bidding war, it sold for $1,957,500, including buyer's premium.

Thomson paintings have been hot commodities lately — another of his entitled Tamarack Swamp (Sketch No. 5) went for $1 million at a Vancouver auction May 22.

Yet another is expected to fetch seven figures at the Joyner Waddington auction in Toronto today.

The Sotheby's sale also saw Arthur Lismer's painting, Pine Island, Georgian Bay, go for twice its estimated value at $318,500, including the buyer's premium.

Emily Carr's painting Cape Mudge, which depicts a totem pole, went for $635,000, with buyer's premium.

Other items for sale Monday include Lawren Harris's rendering of Pic Island in Lake Superior, a work that had been overseas in a private collection for decades.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harrison Ford's latest incarnation of Indiana Jones has struck box-office gold.

Latest Indy nets $311M

The most recent Indiana Jones film more than recouped its big budget with an estimated $311 million US in global box office sales through the U.S. long weekend, according to studio estimates yesterday.

Families went in droves to catch Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, an adventure starring Harrison Ford as the whip-cracking archeologist who took 19 years to return to the big screen.

Paramount Pictures estimated the action sequel made $151.1 million in the U.S. and Canada from Thursday to the holiday Monday and $143 million overseas, though not including yesterday.

It marked the second biggest Memorial Day weekend opening ever, behind only Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End, which made $153 million domestically from Thursday to Monday last year.

Nearly a third of the domestic audience was made up of parents with their children, said Rob Moore, president of Paramount Worldwide Distribution.

"Adults really drove this opening. This is one of their favourite franchises and they couldn't wait to take their kids with them," Moore said.

The film cost a reported $185 million to make, even with the principal talent — Ford, director Steven Spielberg and writer George Lucas — deferring their usual fees for a greater share of the profits.

The first three Indy movies raked in $1.2 billion worldwide.

Marketing costs were undisclosed, although the latest Indiana Jones received a major push from Paramount. DVDs of the first three movies were rereleased, they aired on TV days before the opening and huge billboards sprung up.

The final trailer for the movie rolled before the opening of Marvel Studios' Iron Man, which was also distributed by Paramount, three weeks earlier.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moore invites Madonna

Madonna's new film on the impoverished nation of Malawi has wowed another maker of documentaries: Michael Moore.

Moore has announced that Madonna, a fellow Michigan native, will appear for a screening of I Am Because We Are during the Traverse City Film Festival on Aug. 2. "When I saw it, I thought, 'Wow, it's like she's been making these films for years,'" Moore said.

Madonna produced and narrated the documentary after travelling to Malawi, where she and husband Guy Ritchie adopted a child.

Madonna

The film illustrates the poverty that children of the African country face, how the AIDS crisis is claiming lives, and the conditions that cause disease and other misery.

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ALIAS GODOT Brendan Gall's play. To June 1. Tue.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2:30 p.m. $19-$32; Sun. PWYC. Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman. 416-531-1827.
DIRTY DANCING The musical based on the hit movie. To Aug. 31. Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2 p.m. $36-$200. Royal Alexandra Theatre, 260 King St. W. 416-872-1212.
EVIL DEAD: THE MUSICAL This latest reanimation of the splatterstick spectacular. Extended to June 14. Mon.-Thu. 8 p.m.; Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 11 p.m.; Sat. 7 p.m. $29.50-$75. Diesel Playhouse, 56 Blue Jays Way. 416-961-5656.
EXPLOSION: A MUSICAL REVUE Highlights popular music over the last five decades. To July 6. Tue.-Sat. 8:15 p.m. (dinner 6:30 p.m.); Sun. 6:45 p.m. (dinner 5 p.m.); Wed., Sun. 12:30 p.m. (brunch 11 a.m.). $55-$95. Stage West Hotel Theatre, 5400 Dixie. 905-238-0042.
KISMET A musical comedy about a failed Arabic poet To June 8. Thu.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. $20-$25. Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall. 416-755-1717.

TODAY
BITCH SALAD Feat Elvira Kurt, Dini Dimakos, Donnarama, more. 8 p.m. $8. Buddies in Bad Times, 12 Alexander. 416-975-8555.
COMEDY@THE CAMERON A Toronto Comic Jam. 8 p.m. $5. Cameron House, 408 Queen St. W. 416-703-0811.
IMPATIENT THEATRE COMPANY Harold Night: improv and skits feat Standards & Practices, Bazooka Suicide, Little American Bastards, more. 8 p.m. $5. The Savannah Room, 294 College. 416-975-0845.
SKETCH COMEDY LOUNGE Jared Sales and Tal Zimerman host NSFW: videos presented by comics. 8:30 p.m. PWYC. Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W. 416-596-1908.
STANDING ON THE DANFORTH Jo-Anna Downey hosts. 9 p.m. PWYC. Eton House, 710 Danforth Ave. 416-466-6161.
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BATA SHOE MUSEUM Japanese Footwear Exhibition. To May 29. On Pointe: the rise of the ballet shoe. To Sep. 28. Chronicles of Riches: Treasures from the Bata Shoe Museum. To Feb. 2009. Beauty, Identity, Pride: Native North American Footwear. To Nov. 2009. 327 Bloor St. W. 416-979-7799.
DESIGN EXCHANGE The Art of Clairtone. To Oct. 13. 234 Bay St. 416-363-6121.
GARDINER MUSEUM Independence & Ingenuity: Freelance Decorators in 18th Century Europe. To Aug 17. Object Factory — The Art of Industrial Ceramics: various artists. To Sep. 7. My Bowl Runneth Over: work by various artists. To June 6. 111 Queen's Park. 416-586-8080.
OCAD Transition: photo based installation group show. To May 31. 100 McCaul.
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Keith Strickland, left to right, Cynthia Leigh Wilson, Fred Schneider and Kate Pierson of The B-52s rock out on NBC's Today Show yesterday in New York City. The band's new CD, titled Funplex, is in stores now.

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Barack Obama is one of a slew of politicians making television appearances on shows like Saturday Night Live, Jon Stewart and The Colbert Report.

ONE TV, ONE VOTE: No less than Time magazine printed a plea last week that the candidates in this year's U.S. presidential elections abjure the late night comedy shows that have seemingly been annexed to their increasingly broad campaign stump. They're talking about the frequent guest spots that everyone from democratic primary rivals Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama to Republican heir apparent John McCain to former candidates like John Edwards and Mike Huckabee have been making on shows like Saturday Night Live, Jon Stewart and, most notable with a single night that brought three Democratic hopefuls, former and active, together, The Colbert Report.

"But now that the most gag-filled primary season in history is lumbering to an end," writes Richard Zoglin, "I have a modest proposal: Cut it out! The comedy campaign has gone from novelty to inanity, damaging not just the great tradition of renegade political satire, but whatever shaky credibility is left in our political process."

Frankly, it reads like a pretty po-faced bit of opinioneering, especially from a guy who wrote a history of stand-up comedy in the '70s. Even for Time magazine, it has a prescriptive, finger-wagging tone that almost feels like a throwback to the mag's Henry Luce Booth era, when its editorial influence was certainly far more potent.

Here in Canada, despite the sleep-inducing tone of our political culture, we have a political class that's more than happy to make an appearance on comedy shows like The Mercer Report and This Hour Has 22 Minutes. Zoglin seems upset mostly because political satire has been mainstreamed, a far cry from the days when Mort Sahl or Lenny Bruce were the nation's preeminent political comics: "they hardly expected, or wanted, the targets of their satire to show up onstage at the hungry i (a legendary nightclub) and join in the laughs."

That was a long time ago, of course, and Sahl and Bruce have long been absorbed into the vocabulary of contemporary comics, not to mention the politicians' handlers, who are perfectly eager to book them on these shows. Time even gets it wrong with the title of the piece: John McCain, You're Not Funny. Quite the contrary — in his recent guest shot on SNL, blithely gloating about the divisiveness of the Democratic primary race ("Go ahead — fight among yourselves") McCain showed comic timing that was a high point of the show.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics' corner

Green Force
He's such a cad. That is, host Carson Arthur is a principal designer for CAD (Carson Arthur Designs); he's also a spokesman for Blue Planet, and in this series, he turns urban landscapes into green spaces. In the new episode "Community Garden," Arthur helps a group of people from all walks of life learn how to better manage their tiny communal garden. 10 PM on H&G

The Lookout
The always spectacular Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Brick") stars in this 2007 drama as Chris, a former popular high-school jock who becomes brain-damaged after an accident. Now his memory is shot, and he must write down things he needs to recall only minutes later. As the janitor at a bank, he is enlisted by thieves to help with a robbery. Jeff Daniels, Matthew Goode, Carla Gugino and Alberta Watson also star. 7 PM on M1

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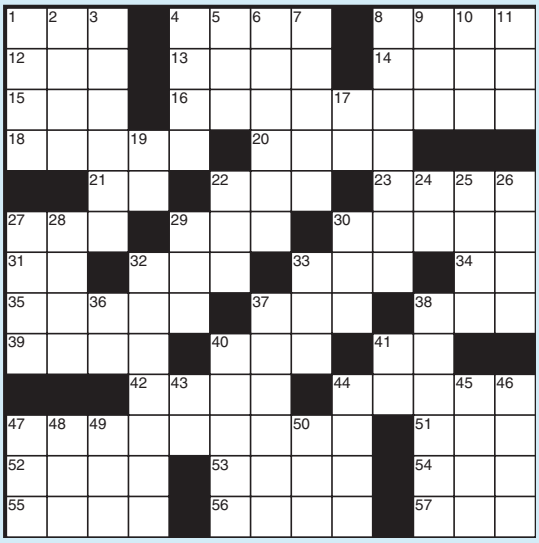

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12 Be sorry for
13 Frizzy hairdo
14 Scintilla
15 Equator segment
16 Starched
18 Walk in step
20 Iffy attempt
21 UFO pilot
22 Craven or Unseld
23 Ax cousin
27 Air show formation
29 Happy sighs
30 More gloomy
31 Gold Rush st.
32 Excitement
33 Roam around
34 Providence loc.
35 Parakeet treats
37 Afternoon social
38 Misfortune
39 Ms. Ferber
40 Lauper's "— Bop"
41 "Tao — Ching"
42 Rate of speed
44 Stackable items
47 Designer
51 "— Tiki"
52 Nip
53 Alice's chronicler
54 Notable time
55 Winter runner
56 Hey, you!
57 Account exec

previous answer

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
There's less resistance to the truth. A strange person isn't really that different. Your interest is sparked by an elder.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Limit restrictions on yourself when meeting someone. Fitness plans should go into action. There's an attraction to those who help you.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Closure is found in a relationship. A debate makes light of personal needs. Surprise someone into remembering their obligations.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A fearful person may not be telling the truth. Find a clearance sale for bargains. Get grounded to answer a risky question.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Learn to let go for a friend. An authority figure will take a fall. Past wrongs can't be fixed because of a dreadful fear.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
If you wrestle with your self-doubt, you'll win. You're moving onto the fast track. There are benefits to making a confession.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Behave with dignity when forced to deal with nonsense. Purchase essential assets privately. A meeting brings you some fine benefits.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Behave conservatively at a meeting. Someone will entangle you in pointless details. Good judgment is the winner near sunset.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
A reprieve has a miraculous effect. You must thank those who give comfort. Beneficial ties can open closed doors.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A worthy helper needs a secret to be told. Balance your needs with group interests. Cultivate friendship when given options.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Promises are kept by a brunette. Someone shows the other side of an argument. A creative venture needs direction.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Be mysterious with a speaker. Someone will get in touch sooner than expected. Wise words will soothe thoughts.

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

1	7	4	3	5	6	8	2	9
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5	4	6	9	3	8	1	7	2
7	5	3	6	2	1	9	8	4
4	2	1	8	9	3	6	5	7
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This Day IN HISTORY

May 27, 1813: In the War of 1812, American forces capture Fort George.
May 27, 1907: A Bubonic plague outbreak begins in San Francisco, Calif.
May 27, 1937: In California, the Golden Gate Bridge opens to pedestrian traffic, creating a vital link between San Francisco and Marin County.
May 27, 1999: The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands, indicts Slobodan Miloševic for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kosovo.

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Temperature
Normals
High: 20.3°
Low: 7.9°

Records
High: 31.7°/1939
Low: 0.6°/1969

Sunrise: 5:42 a.m.
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Moonset: 12:27 p.m.

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Book targets Courtney

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Rocker Courtney Love's inner circle were so concerned with her alleged drug use they had her reconsider her pregnancy, PageSix.com reports an upcoming book as claiming.

In Bumping Into Geniuses, a memoir about the music business, Danny Goldberg, former CEO of Warner Bros. Records who also managed Nirvana, the band of Love's late husband Kurt Cobain, reveals how he and a group of Love's inner circle – worried about her alleged heroin use during pregnancy – plotted an intervention.

During a meeting in Los Angeles with a doctor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's chemical dependency program, the doctor "tried to give clinical advice, suggesting to Courtney that it was not a great idea to have a baby while dealing with addiction," writes Goldberg.

That didn't sit well with Love, who was pregnant with Cobain's child.

" 'You're not telling me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion, are you?' asked Courtney, her voice rising with her trademark hostile whine. 'I mean, I'm pro-choice, but that doesn't mean that anyone has the right to tell me to have a (bleep)ing abortion.'

"(He) suggested that it might not be safe for the baby, and Courtney, who was only six weeks pregnant, went into a confrontational mode. 'Is that a medical fact, or is that just your opinion? I want to see it in a medical book.' She was interested in medical facts, not a sermon. (He) sheepishly acknowledged that at this early stage of pregnancy a woman could discontinue heroin use with no physical or psychological damage to the fetus. Courtney looked triumphant as she towered over the doctor seated at his desk."

Love is said to have stopped using heroin, and Frances Bean was born in perfect health on Aug. 18, 1992.

Love had no comment on the book, which is scheduled to hit stores in September.

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Nicole reaps award

Nicole Richie has won a parenting award, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The new mother received a Golden Pacifier Award from America's Babytalk magazine.

Richie, gave birth to daughter Harlow, her first child with musician Joel Madden, in January.

"Honouring Nicole Richie with a Babytalk Golden Pacifier Award might come as a surprise to some, but we felt that she deserved some recognition for her turnaround since becoming a mom," said Babytalk editor-in-chief Lisa Moran. "She has grown up a lot since the arrival of little Harlow, and her creation of the Richie-Madden Children's Foundation has demonstrated her efforts to set a good example by shining a spotlight on important issues affecting today's families."

Before having Harlow, Richie spent time in jail during her pregnancy after being convicted of driving under the influence.

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New guy for Britney

Britney Spears reportedly has a new boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer made her first formal public appearance in months at a birthday party in Los Angeles on Saturday, accompanied by Jason Trewick.

Trewick, who, according to sources, has known Spears "for years" – has been growing closer to her since her recent holiday in Costa Rica.

Spears' father, Jamie, has reportedly given his blessing to the new romance, calling Trewick "a stabilizing influence."

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Jamie thinks Jason would be a great match for Britney. She always had a thing for bad boys but now she realizes good guys can be attractive, too."

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Shop angers Tom

Actor Tom Cruise has slapped the owners of a top Los Angeles baby boutique with a cease and desist letter, accusing them of going public with purchases he and wife Katie Holmes have made, imdb.com reports.

Cruise's legal team has fired off documents to the bosses of Petit Tresor, warning them to stop talking to the media about private Cruise family matters.

According to the documents, obtained by TMZ.com, Cruise was particularly upset when store bosses allegedly leaked false information suggesting the actors have spent more than $350,000 US on wardrobe items for their daughter Suri in the two years since her birth.

The lawyers insist no one at the store should "say anything (whether true or false) about Mr. Cruise and Ms. Holmes' shopping habits."

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Denise fires back at ex-husband

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Actress Denise Richards has had it with her ex-husband, actor Charlie Sheen, intouchweekly.com reports.

Long after their volatile split, she claims he won't stop texting her abusive messages.

"Last week, I sent Charlie a text message asking him if he's going to Family Day (for daughter Sam's school) and letting him know Sam was sick with a cold," Richards allegedly told the New York Post. "His response was, 'I hope you and your worthless retarded father get cancer and join your stupid mom. Rot in hell ... ' My mom died of cancer. This is what I deal with on a weekly basis. He missed Dad's Day at the school and my father had to go in his place. And this is how he talks to me?"

Richards is firing back after Sheen released comments to the Post's Page Six column, calling her "beyond desperate."

Sheen and Richards also recently clashed over an e-mail she allegedly sent begging for a sperm donation from Sheen.

Richards denied sending the e-mail.

"I have two beautiful kids. We'll leave it at that. I am so over him. He's the one who can't move on. He's disgusting and he's hit an all-time low," she reportedly added.

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Jess didn't cheat with Jared

Actor-singer Jared Leto's rep has slammed a National Enquirer report that Jessica Simpson cheated on football player Tony Romo with his client, usmagazine.com reports.

"There is no truth whatsoever to the article," Leto's manager Jason Weinberg said.

As for the actress-singer and Romo's relationship – it's still a mystery whether or not they are together.

In a radio interview recently, Simpson's new brother-in-law Pete Wentz played coy when asked if Simpson and Romo were still an item.

"I don't know anything about what's going on with them," he told Ryan Seacrest. "I'm so busy clearing up my own rumours!"

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Lily defends topless photos

Singer Lily Allen has responded to recent topless pictures of herself in a posting on her official MySpace page, People.com reports.

"I don't really like to respond to things I read about myself in the press but, for the record I was not thrown off anybody's yacht in Cannes," writes Allen. "Occasionally I drink wine with lunch and yes I swim topless. This, in my book, is not embarrassing behaviour."

Allen, 23, also addressed a recent lunch meeting with her ex-boyfriend, Chemical Brothers musician Ed Simons.

The two broke up earlier this year after Allen miscarried the baby the couple were expecting.

"I went to lunch with my ex-boyfriend yesterday," she writes. "Lunch. I am not some failed baby-making machine desperately trying to win my man back ... Ed and I are friends, who went for lunch yesterday, that's it."

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Jen, John together awhile

Actress Jennifer Aniston and singer John Mayer have been together longer than they're letting on, PageSix.com reports.

It seemed odd that Aniston was so public with her affection for Mayer so fast, but a source says they were quietly dating for three months prior to coming out earlier this month as a couple in Miami.

"They'd been keeping it under wraps and hiding out together on their dates," said our source. "Then Jen realized it wasn't just a fling and decided to take it public."

Mayer's rep had no comment. Aniston's rep could not be reached.

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